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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States general imports from the all-time record total of \$1,477.8 million in December 1959 to \$1,137.4 million in January 1960 reflected decreases in imports from all areas. Changes in the dollar value of general imports from the several areas between December 1959 and January 1960 were as follows: Western Europe, from \$464.8 to \$352.9 million; Latin American Republics, from \$353.0 to \$252.4 million; Canada, from \$288.7 to \$218.0 million; dependencies of Western Europe, from \$93.4 to \$71.0 million and "all other countries", from \$277.9 to \$243.2 million.

The Bureau also stated that decreases were reported in imports from both O.E.E.C. and sterling area countries from \$447.0 to \$345.5 million and from \$254.8 to \$195.5 million, respectively. Decreases were reported in general imports from all continents.

The decrease in general imports from Europe, from \$471.7 million in December 1959 to \$359.0 million in January 1960, was largely due to lower levels of imports from individual countries of this continent, as follows: West Germany, from \$99.4 to \$70.2 million; United Kingdom, from \$103.6 to \$86.9 million; Italy, from \$44.0 to \$28.8 million; France, from \$45.0 to \$33.6 million; Belgium and Luxembourg, from \$41.3 to \$34.1 million;

Switzerland, from \$19.6 to \$13.0 million; and the Netherlands, from \$20.1 to \$14.9 million. The substantial decline in imports from Canada, from \$288.7 to \$218.0 million, accounted for most of the decrease in imports from North America, from \$429.7 to \$335.7 million. However, sizable decreases were also noted in imports from Guatemala, from \$13.1 to \$5.3 million, and the Netherlands Antilles, from \$26.9 to \$21.8 million. Imports from South America fell from \$251.3 to \$166.5 million as noticeable decreases occurred in imports from Brazil, from \$66.5 to \$27.7 million; Venezuela, from \$96.3 to \$72.7 million; Colombia, from \$30.1 to \$18.6 million; and Chile, from \$25.8 to \$18.9 million.

Imports from Asia fell from \$235.8 to \$212.5 million as decreases in imports from Japan from \$107.8 to \$93.8 million; Kuwait, from \$14.6 to \$6.1 million; and the Federation of Malaya, from \$17.7 to \$9.9 million, were partly offset by gains in imports from the Republic of the Philippines, from \$14.7 to \$22.0 million and the Republic of Indonesia, from \$15.0 to \$21.6 million. Largely as a result of reduced imports from Ghana, from \$8.7 to \$1.7 million and the Belgian Congo, from \$9.0 to \$4.8 million, imports from Africa fell from \$60.7 to \$41.5 million. Owing chiefly to a drop in imports from Australia from \$20.7 to \$14.0 million, imports from Australia and Oceania fell from \$28.7 to \$22.2 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchandising or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than \$100 and informal entry shipments valued \$250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. The estimated values are included in the area, continent, and country totals in the table. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the "Explanation of the Sampling Procedure for Estimating Low Valued Imports" in the foreword of Report No. FT-110. The variability in the import figures due to sampling is no more than three percent or less than \$50,000. The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: JANUARY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Value in millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

Continent and country ¹	January 1960	December 1959	January 1959	Monthly average 1959
Total trade.....	1,137.4	1,477.8	1,154.1	1,267.7
Western Europe.....	352.9	464.8	330.1	376.9
Dependencies of Western Europe.....	71.0	93.4	102.0	83.3
Canada.....	218.0	288.7	184.7	253.4
Latin American Republics.....	252.4	353.0	313.7	301.2
All other countries.....	243.2	277.9	223.6	252.8
O.E.E.C. countries.....	345.5	447.0	314.1	363.3
Sterling area countries.....	195.5	254.8	202.8	223.8
North America.....	335.7	429.7	348.7	386.3
Greenland ^d	0.1	(*)	0.2	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador).....	218.0	288.7	184.7	253.4
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands ^d	(*)	0.1	...	(*)
Mexico ^a	38.6	39.1	46.3	36.4
Guatemala ^a	5.3	13.1	6.2	5.4
British Honduras ^{b,d}	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
El Salvador ^a	6.5	5.6	9.0	3.1
Honduras ^a	1.3	1.3	1.5	2.1
Nicaragua ^a	0.9	0.8	2.4	1.3
Costa Rica ^a	1.3	3.2	4.8	2.7
Republic of Panama ^a	2.1	2.0	1.6	2.1
Canal Zone.....	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
Bermuda ^{b,d}	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bahamas ^{b,d}	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.0
Cuba ^a	25.6	27.5	29.3	39.5
Jamaica ^{b,d}	3.8	4.0	4.2	3.9
Haiti ^a	1.7	2.4	1.6	1.4
Dominican Republic ^a	5.5	10.2	8.6	6.3
Leeward and Windward Islands ^{b,d}	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Barbados ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago ^{b,d}	1.8	3.5	7.0	3.7
Netherlands Antilles ^d	21.8	26.9	40.0	23.3
French West Indies ^d	(*)	0.1	0.1	(*)
South America.....	166.5	251.3	205.7	203.8
Colombia ^a	18.6	30.1	22.8	28.3
Venezuela ^a	72.7	96.3	84.7	74.2
British Guiana ^{b,d}	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4
Surinam ^d	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.3
French Guiana ^d	(*)	(*)	0.2	0.1
Ecuador ^a	4.6	5.6	4.3	5.0
Peru ^a	12.3	12.5	9.8	9.9
Bolivia ^a	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.6
Chile ^a	18.9	25.8	20.9	17.7
Brazil ^a	27.7	66.5	43.3	52.4
Paraguay ^a	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.7
Uruguay ^a	0.8	0.7	2.9	1.5
Argentina ^a	7.0	8.8	12.0	10.5
Falkland Islands ^{b,d}.....	...	...	...	...
Europe.....	359.0	471.7	339.6	384.0
Iceland ^{b,c,e}	0.2	2.2	0.8	1.0
Sweden ^{c,e}	18.4	21.5	14.3	15.4
Norway ^{c,e}	7.3	8.5	12.2	8.3
Denmark ^{c,e}	11.3	11.1	10.4	8.7

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: JANUARY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country ¹	January 1960	December 1959	January 1959	Monthly average 1959
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom ^{b,c,e}	86.9	103.6	82.0	94.8
Ireland (Eire) ^{b,c,e}	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.2
Netherlands ^{c,e}	14.9	20.1	16.5	18.1
Belgium and Luxembourg ^{c,e}	34.1	41.3	27.7	34.7
France ^{c,e}	33.6	45.0	32.1	38.5
West Germany ^{c,e}	70.2	99.4	65.2	76.5
East Germany.....	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3
Austria ^{c,e}	3.2	4.3	3.6	4.7
Czechoslovakia.....	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.0
Hungary.....	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Switzerland ^{c,e}	13.0	19.6	11.8	16.3
Finland ^c	5.4	6.1	4.8	4.1
Estonia.....	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia.....	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania.....	...	...	...	...
Poland and Danzig.....	3.9	2.2	3.4	2.7
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	0.9	3.0	4.2	2.4
Azores ^d	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain ^{c,e}	7.6	8.7	6.9	6.5
Portugal ^{c,e}	2.2	2.5	2.1	2.2
Gibraltar ^{b,d}.....	...	(*)	...	(*)
Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.2
Italy ^{c,e}	28.8	44.0	26.8	32.3
Free Territory of Trieste ^{c,e}	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia ^c	2.0	3.1	4.4	3.1
Albania.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece ^{c,e}	3.5	6.4	2.2	2.8
Rumania.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria.....	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Turkey ^{c,e}	8.0	15.1	4.1	6.9
Asia.....	212.5	235.8	195.5	216.3
United Arab Republic (Syria Region).....	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8
Lebanon.....	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3
Iraq (Mesopotamia).....	1.6	2.6	3.4	2.9
Iran (Persia).....	3.2	3.3	4.0	4.2
Israel.....	2.2	1.7	2.2	2.3
Palestine.....	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Jordan ^b.....	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait ^{b,d}	6.1	14.6	15.4	13.2
Saudi Arabia.....	1.9	3.4	5.6	4.2
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.....	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.2
Aden ^{b,d}	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein ^{b,d}	0.4	...	...	0.1
Afghanistan.....	2.4	2.5	2.1	1.4
India ^b	16.2	18.2	15.9	17.3
Pakistan ^b	3.9	2.7	4.4	2.9
Nepal.....	(*)	...	...	(*)
Ceylon ^b	3.8	3.4	2.8	2.9
Burma ^b	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Thailand (Siam).....	4.5	7.2	7.5	7.5
Viet-Nam.....	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.9
Laos.....	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Cambodia.....	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.1
Federation of Malaya ^b	9.9	17.7	11.4	13.3
Colony of Singapore; British Borneo ^{b,d}	1.4	2.4	3.6	2.4
Republic of Indonesia.....	21.6	15.0	17.5	15.9
Republic of the Philippines.....	22.0	14.7	19.9	26.0
Macao (Macau) ^d	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c. ^d	0.2	0.1	0.2	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.....	(*)
China (including Manchuria).....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia.....	0.6	1.6	0.8	0.6

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Continent and country ¹	January 1960	December 1959	January 1959	Monthly average 1959
Asia—Continued				
North Korea.....	...	(*)	...	(*)
Republic of Korea.....	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Hong Kong ^{b,d}	12.2	11.6	6.8	8.3
Taiwan (Formosa).....	1.7	1.7	1.1	1.2
Japan.....	93.8	107.8	66.6	85.7
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.....	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1
Australia and Oceania.....	22.2	28.7	21.1	28.1
Australia ^b	14.0	20.7	10.8	16.4
New Guinea ^b	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
New Zealand ^b	7.9	7.2	9.7	11.3
British Western Pacific Islands ^{b,d}	0.2	(*)	(*)	0.1
French Pacific Islands ^d	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.....	...	0.7	0.5	0.2
Africa.....	41.5	60.7	43.5	49.2
Morocco.....	0.3	0.6	1.3	0.9
Algeria ^d	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Tunisia.....	(*)	(*)	0.2	0.2
Libya ^b	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region) ⁵	0.7	0.3	4.4	1.4
Sudan.....	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5
Canary Islands ^d	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c. ^d.....	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Cameroun.....	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8
French Equatorial Africa ^d	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
French West Africa and Republic of Togo ^{6,d}	2.8	3.4	2.3	2.1
Ghana ^b	1.7	8.7	4.7	5.3
Nigeria ^{b,d}	2.9	3.2	2.1	2.7
British West Africa, n.e.c. ^{b,d}	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
Madeira Islands ^d	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Angola ^d	3.2	2.2	2.3	2.6
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c. ^d	(*)	(*)	0.7	0.2
Liberia.....	2.8	5.5	2.8	3.5
Belgian Congo ^d	4.8	9.0	5.8	8.9
Somaliland.....	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia).....	1.4	0.8	0.4	1.3
French Somaliland ^d	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
British Somaliland ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies ^{b,d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
British East Africa ^{b,d}	3.0	2.5	3.5	3.4
Mozambique ^d	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.3
Madagascar (Malgache Republic) ^d	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.0
Union of South Africa ^b	12.7	14.8	7.8	9.9
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland ^b	2.1	4.5	2.0	3.1

^aLatin American Republics. ^bSterling area countries. ^cWestern Europe. ^dDependencies of Western Europe. ^eO.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries. *Indicates less than \$50,000. ¹For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics.